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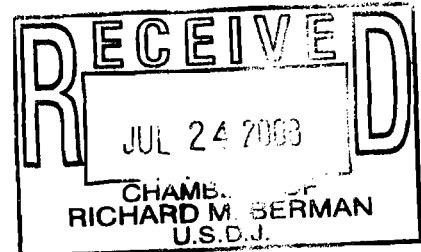
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July 23, 2008

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The Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United
States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 650
New York, NY 10007

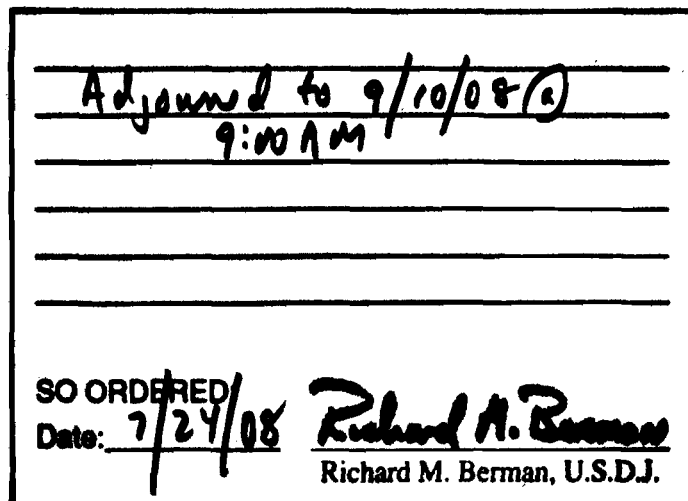
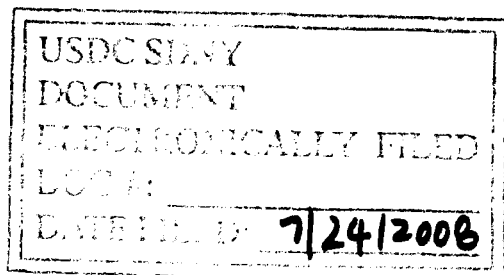


Re: *Fratellone v. Leavitt*,
08 Civ. 3100 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman:

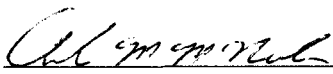
I write regarding the above-referenced action challenging the decision of an administrative law judge, holding that Medicare had paid certain monies to plaintiff in error, which is scheduled for a preliminary conference on July 28, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. I write to inform the Court that, regrettably, counsel for plaintiff, Abraham Wax, recently passed away. I enclose a copy of Mr. Wax's death certificate which was forwarded to me by Manuel Pardo, Mr. Wax's paralegal, who is handling the winding-down of Mr. Wax's practice. Mr. Pardo has spoken to plaintiff, who indicates that he intends to search for substitute counsel. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the initial conference be postponed until such time as plaintiff's substitute counsel appears in this matter. I have copied Mr. Pardo on this letter, who has assured me that it will be forwarded to plaintiff.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



Respectfully submitted,

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